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OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From **Wedneſday** January 17th. to **Friday** January 19th. 1711.

On *Monday* laſt was Publiſh'd

The First Volume of the *Britiſh Apollo* in 8vo. containing above 2000 Anſwers to curious Queſtions in moſt Arts and Sciences, Serious, Comical and Humorous, approv'd of by many of the moſt Ingenious and Learned of both the Univerſities, and of the Royal Society. *N. B.* Not one Volume of the firſt Edition, bound, was ſold under 1*s.* 6*d.* and great Numbers were called for after all were diſpoſed off. There being but a few left over what was ſubſcribed for. Now to be ſold at 6*s. per* Book, letter'd on the back, by *J. Mayo*, Printer, over againſt *Water-Lane, Fleet-ſtreet. S. Clark*, in *Birchin-lane. J. Woodward*, in *Scalding-Alley*, both near the *Royal-Exchange*, Bookſellers, and alſo by moſt Bookſellers in *London*.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *YOU have often in your Papers laid a great deal of ſtreſs upon the Conſent of Parents, in the Marriage of their Children. If you pleaſe to ſhew from what Texts of Scripture Parents derive this Authority, you will Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant, &c.

A. That Parents are Subject to their Children in the contracting of Matrimony, is a Maxim evidently enough made out from the Law of Nature; for if Obedience is due to them in ſmaller Things, how much more in an Affair of the greateſt Importance? However the Scripture is not ſilent in this Matter. For God prohibits the *Iſraelites* from taking the Daughters of the Land of *Canaan* to be Wives to their Sons. *Exod.* 34. 16. and *Deut.* 7. 3. He commands them again, *Jer.* 29. 6. to take Wives to their Sons, and gave their Daughters to Husbands. And St. *Paul* ſays, 1 *Cor.* 7. 38. *He that giveth his Virgin in Marriage doth well; but he that giveth her not doth better.* From which Inſtances it is plain, that Parents have the principal Part in this Tranſaction.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have liv'd 5 Years & an half an Apprentice with a Maſter, who Obliges me to go with him (at all uſual times) to the* Independant *Meetings. I am much diſſatisfied in their way of Worſhip, and am fully convinc'd of the reaſonableneſs of a conſtant Conformity to the Church of* England. *Your Advice is humbly deſir'd, whether ſubmitting to my Maſter's Will, or my Judgment in this (for the remaining part of 7 Years) will make the greateſt Breach in my Duty towards my Neighbour.*

Gentlemen, *I have reſolv'd to act according to your Advice, and a ſpeedy Anſwer is the more deſir'd by,*

Your Admirer and Humble Servant.

G——e P——l.

A. It is no leſs than a Sin to obey a Maſter in ſuch Commands, as contradict the Laws of the State, if the Laws themſelves are not unreaſonable and unjuſt. The Queriſt is not therefore under the difficult *Dilemma* of chuſing one of two Evils, as he ſeems to apprehend. He may and ought to diſobey his Maſter in this particular, but obey him he cannot without violating his Duty both to God and the State; to God, as he becomes thereby guilty of Schiſm, or deſtroying the Peace and Unity of the Church; to the State, as he Tranſgreſſes a Law which contradicts no Law of God or Reaſon. In all Caſes it is an unexceptionable Maxim, that the Commands of a Superiour ſuperſede thoſe of an Inferiour Authority. We have Anſwered this Queſtion formerly, and have added this only to confirm our former Anſwer, at which we hear ſeveral Perſons take Offence.

Q. Gentlemen, *In your Paper,* N°. 122. Vol. III. *in Anſwer to a Queſtion relating to the decree of the Apoſtles, concerning eating of Blood and Things Stangled, I find that you readily aſſent to the Unlawfulneſs thereof, and expreſs your Admiration how a Practice, ſo contrary to the Injunction of the Holy*

Apoſtles, ſhould be ſo prevalent amongſt Chriſtians. Now, as I confeſs I am wholly Ignorant, in what particular it is, that the contrary Practice ſo greatly prevails, ſo I deſire you would pleaſe to inform me, that I may know how to avoid it, in which I hope you will be as ſpeedy and particular as poſſibly may be,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Admirer and Subſcriber, &c.

A. We can ſcarce ſuppoſe that the Querift can want to be informed, that the Principal Ingredient in Black-Puddings is Blood; or that moſt of the Poultry and Fowl that is Eaten is Strangled.

To APOLLO, Moral and Divine,

Q. *From your Country Cuſtomer, who buys and pays for all your Papers, having been in the State of Matrimony without ever a Child; and the natural Ambition, I had for the grand Original Bleſſing to multiply, has brought me (and my Wife which is to be) unto this Stelight. My Childleſs Wife*, B. *being Dead, but within theſe 6 Weeks, and my contracted Wife*, E. *being within 6 Weeks of Child-bearing*, E. *in point of her Divinity preſſes inſtantly for Marriage, ſpeedy Marriage, and openly in Church to Alleviate the Imputation of Sin*, Exodus Chap. 22. Ver. 16. *It is own'd that the Contract engageth Publick Marriage, within a Month after the Deceaſe of* B. *but I of the Moral Part, to prevent the Indecorum, would inſiſt only for my late Wife to cool in the Grave, and within leſs than a Year, yet replieth ſhe again in her Moral Part, for ſpeedy Marriage, Publick Marriage, openly in Church, to wipe of her Reproach before Man, and to Legitimatize the Child. The Caſe thus in Fact, and the time thus ſhort, pray, neither deny nor delay your Direction and Advice unto,*

Yours, B. E.

A. We think you ſtrictly bound to Anſwer her demands, for delay by the Death of one, may put it out of your Power to make ſatisfaction. And ſince we conceive by yours, the Injury has been Publick, you ought to make Publick Reparation. 'Tis true it will appear Indecent in Reſpect to the Memory of your former Wife; but conſider, *This* (for ſuch we muſt eſteem her) lies all the while under the Shame as well as your ſelf, of greater Indecency, and of Evils you muſt chooſe the leaſt.

Q. Gentlemen, *Be pleaſed to explain in your next, the Nature of an Epic Poem, and ſhew the Diſtinction there is between that and all other ſorts of Poems.*

Your Admirer, &c.

A. Boſſa, the moſt Judicious Writer upon this Subject, defines the *Epopéa* or Epic Poem thus. "It is a Diſcourſe invented by Art to form the "Manners by ſuch Inſtructions as are diſguiſed "under the Allegories of ſome one Important "Action, which is related in Verſe, after a pro-"bable, diverting and ſurpriſing Manner. The laſt part of this Definition diſtinguiſhes it from all other ſorts of Poems; as firſt from Comedy, becauſe the Action of it is not Important; and beſides the Poet ſays nothing, but only the Perſons he introduces ſay and act all, juſt as in a Tragedy, for which Reaſon both this and that is ſtyled a Dramatic Poem, and ſo diſtinguiſhed from the Epic. It cannot be Material to ſhew how the Epic differs from the Satyr, the Ode, the Elegy, the Epigram and other leſſer Poems, which are ſtiled by Critics imperfect Poems. We ſhall therefore add farther to explain the Nature of the *Epopéa*, that it has a neceſſary Relation to four Things, to the Poem, the Fable, Morality and Hiſtory. It belongs to the Poem and the Fable, as being a Species of each; to Hiſtory as both the one and the other relates one or more Actions, and to Morality as the principal Deſign of it is to inſtruct Men in their Morals. From this Notion we have laid down, we may obſerve that the Poem of *Lucretius*, the *Georgics* of *Virgil*, and other Diſcourſes in Verſe concerning any Branch of natural Philoſophy, are no Parts of the *Epopéa*; for ſuch Pieces are not deſigned to form Mens Manners; and beſides the Inſtructions contained in them are without Diſguiſe or Allegory. And by this laſt Reaſon are alſo excluded all ſorts of Moral Diſcourſes Writ in Verſe, and all Hiſtorical Poems, as *Lucans Pharſalia*, the *Punic War of Silius Italicus*, becauſe in them there is no Fable. In ſhort only Poems in ſhort that among the Ancients deſerve the Name of Epic, are the *Iliad* and *Odyſſes* of *Homer*, and the *Æneid* of *Virgil*; though amongſt the Moderns many others put in for that Honour.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have a Projection to propoſe at Preſent in my own Breaſt, which if put in Execution would bring to Her Majeſty upward of* 200000 l. per Annum. *Now, Sirs, I deſire you would Adviſe me which way to proceed to make it known, and to whom you think the propereſt Perſons, that in Juſtice to the Author will not take it to themſelves, and how I may do to preſerve an Intereſt to my ſelf, as a Reward for ſuch Projection, and what you think I may expect. What I propoſe to raiſe it on is on what no Impoſition was ever laid, and will bear it very well, and may be eaſily Collected. I ſent to Mr.* Clark's, *about three Weeks ago, and have had no Anſwer in any of the* Apollo's *ſince, ſo I deſire you will inſert ſo much in your next, as you ſhall think fit, or let me know in ſome of your Papers this Week, whether you will concern your ſelves or not, and you will Oblige,*

Yours, N. Z.

A. It is not proper to give a Publick Anſwer to a Queſtion of this Nature: If you let us know how to direct a Private one, we may find an opportunity for it. But we muſt tell you that many Projects on ſuch Accounts have had fair Proſpects on Tranſient view, which have vaniſh'd, when brought to cloſer Examination. Nor will it become us to aſſiſt you in ſuch a Matter, except we are ſatisfied of the Reaſonableneſs of it, which otherwiſe wou'd reflect on our Diſcretion, and Affront thoſe Great Perſons we might communicate it to, in whom we have the Honour of having ſome Intereſt,

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POEMS.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

APOLLO,

Q. THE *ſpreading Fame the Theatre has made,*
Drew your hid ECCHO *from her Peaceful ſhade,*

To

To view those Artful Works, and fine Machines,
The Pleasant Prospects, and the moving Scenes.
I mixt amongst, the Noble, Beauteous Crowd,
And pleas'd to find, that Musick *was allow'd,*
By such Great Men, as a Regaling Treat,
After Fatigues of State, they there did meet.
Harmonious Sounds soon fill'd the happy Place,
And added Charms to ev'ry lovely Face.
No Jars, nor Discord, thro' the whole was found,
But all Conspir'd, in a Seraphic Sound;
So soft, so sweet, and Artificial made,
That pleasing Raptures secretly convey'd
To e'ery Breast, and lull'd all Cares within;
Ah! who so rough, that Harmony *can't win!*
Say, my APOLLO, *let it come from you,*
That all may know them, at a single View;
Sound, Thou Bright God *of* Musick, *sound its Fame,*
Inspire the Noble Youths to do the same;
'Twill cure our Isle *of these unlucky Jars,*
Let Harmony *allay our Inland Wars;*
Let Love and Peace sympathetically join,
Then we may boast to be the happy Clime.

Thus having wish'd, I bid the Place farewel,
And so retire to my Romantick Cell.

ECCHO.

I.

A. Sound all the Instruments, and with 'em Joyn,
Melodious Voices such as may,
Entice from those bright Realms of Day,
Cœlestial Forms to listen to your Art,
And bear themselves a Part,
To make the Consort more Divine;
Till all the Hills and Groves around
Reverberate th' Extatic Sound;
And universal Nature silent stands,
Attentive to your High Commands;
And be your selves the *Subject* of your Song,
Sound all the wondrous Charms to *Musick*'s Pow'r
[belong.

II.

When first th' ETERNAL BEING fram'd this
[*Earth*,
Sweet Harmony advanc'd the Birth,
While *Nature* smil'd to see her self advance;
To tuneful Measures of an endless *Dance*,
Of Hours, Days, Months, and Years;
Struck up to Lofty Notes of the surrounding
[Spheres,
The Whole, and ev'ry Individual Part,
With Beauteous *Order* drest,
In the loud Consort bore a part,
And secret Joys confest;
While list'ning *Angels* from on High,
In Glorious Mansions all around,
And Bright Alcoves beyond the Sky,
The Melody resound;
From all the Battlements of *Heav'n* above,
Harmonious *Hallelujahs* rung,
And in Extatic Notes they sung,
The Grand Ineffable Design of pre-existing *Love*.

III.

As Musick first attended the great *Act*,
And was the Potent Cement did compact,
Th' Illustrious Frame;
So since it does protect the same,
And is th' Efficient *Soul*,
Maintains, Continues, and Preserves the *Whole*:
Thus by the deep mysterious Force,
Of *Sympathies* they hold their Course;
And as in *Musick Discords* be,
Essential to just *Harmony*,
So strong *Antipathies* do sometimes meet,
To make their Beautiful *Reverse* more sweet,
Which by Impulse, far stronger thence, our rapt
[Affections greet.

IV.

All Hail! Thou *Darling* of *Eternal Love*,
Who dost in all his wondrous *Fiats* move,
In his Bright Empires, always *Resident* Above;
Who art the *Vehicle* conveys
Around the *Boundless Space* his Praise,
Hail *Thou* who art
Ev'n of his *Essence* an Illustrious *Part*;
Who that inutterable Pow'r bestow,
On all the *Orders* both of *Heav'n* and Earth below,
Exert our *Souls* by *Music*'s Energy,
May all our Passions by it govern'd be,
Then shall we far *Excel* our selves, and be most
[like to *Thee*,
While those Poor Grov'ling Souls, who are
[not Fir'd,
By *Music*'s Force, or by its Charms inspir'd,
We shall with Pity view their Humble State,
Reverse to all that's Beautiful, or Generous, or
[Great.

SIR,

THE Letters from Brussels, January 17th, say, that their Advices from the Frontiers tell them, that the Enemy is very diligent in making Magazines on the Somme and towards Arras, in order to be able to take the Field early the next Campaign; They are likewise making some new Fortifications at Arras, between the Cittadel and the Town, on the side towards Peronne. That Write from Namur and Charleroy, that Magazines were likewise forming on the Sambre and the Meuse, which has given occasion to a Report,

Report, that the late Elector of Bavaria is to Command a ſeparate Body of Troops on that ſide next Campaign; That it is not doubted but Marſhal Staremberg is got ſafe into Catalonia; and by the moſt Authentic Accounts he is reckon'd not to have leſs than 8 or 9000 Men him, being reinforced by the Troops which were in Garriſon in the Kingdom of Arragon; That they hear the French meet with very great Difficulties in raiſing their Recruits. That they are obliged to taſte them by Force; and the want of Money increaſes ſo much, and the Miſery is ſo urgent among the Officers, that they quit their Garriſons without leave, to go and demand their Subſiſtence and Arrears at Paris, where ſeveral of them have been impriſon'd, and the reſt ſent back with ſevere Menances.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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